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January 1970 in respect of 88 Acres 17 guntas. The draft final declaration after measuring the lands is awaited from the L. A. O. in respect of 54 Acres 16 guntas.

(*h*) and (*i*) The land acquisition records were built up in the first instance for 216 acres of land both for submersion and channels which are urgently required for dam and allied works and channels during December 1956 to January 1961. The balance lands were taken possession during 1967-68 as the water was partially stored in the Reservoir and acquisition records were built up later.

(*j*) Every effort will be made to finalise the acquisition proceedings withen six months.

Communication from the Magistrate Gobichettipalyam about arrest of Sri Vatal Nagaraj in Tamilnadu

(*Announcement*)

MR. SPEAKER.—I would like to hear the hon. members on the notice of privilege mot on in connection with the arrest of hon. Member Sri Vatal Nagaraj. Before that I have an announcement to make. I have received a communication from the Magistrate, Gobichettipalyam, Coimbatore District, Madras State, dated 29th January 1970 which was received by post at 10.-50. a.m. on Saturday, the 31st January 1970. It reads as follows:

"Dear Mr. Speaker,

"I have the honour to inform you that I have found it my duty, in the exercise of my powers under section 167 of the Criminal Procedure Code to direct that Thiru Vatal Nagaraj, Member of the Mysore Legislative Assembly was arrested and detained for being a member of an unlawful assembly and obstructing public servants in discharge of public function punishable under section 143 and 186 of the Indian Penal Code concerned in Talavady police station Cr. No. 5/70.

Thiru Vatal Nagaraj, Member of the Mysore Legislative Assembly (Chickpet, Bangalore City Constituency) was accordingly arrested at Talavady and taken into custody at 1-10 A. M. on 29-1-1970 and is at present lodged in the Sub Jail, Gobichettipalyam, Coimbatore District, Madras State."